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Dear Community:

Think of a lesbian or gay couple in love, Now, think of all that conspires to keep it from happening. Schools teach that it's wrong -- if they mention it at all. The same goes for television, advertising, and many family members, who try to condition this couple to equate gay love with disgust. Religions condemn their love. They may be bashed. They can lose jobs, home, and children. **PLEASE KEEP ABREAST** (not the body part) **OF THE PROGRESS OF AMENDMENT 2!** That is all I ask.

Please let us know if you're moving. Each time a newsletter is returned (due to the forwarding order being expired, an insufficent address, there being no such number, being temporarily away, vacant, or even not having a mail receptacle), it costs this publication between 29 and 35 cents. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thanks.

Keep your eyes peeled for Paula Poundstone's billboards, found only in Colorado Springs, which deal with all sorts of anti-discrimination thoughts/ideals. She forked over $5,000 out of her own pocket for these babies. Point them out to those you love and hate.

An outpouring of thanks is due the following: The women of Ground Zero who helped collate February's issue of New Phazes; those women who responded to this publication's call for help (both as writers and workers); and to those of you who read this baby each and every month. Please feel free to respond to these new additions by sending or phoning your comments to this newsletter's office. Your continued support cannot be measured.

The next collating get-together will be at Janice the Barbette 6:00pm March 30 see ya then!

And remember, every time we love, we win!

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READER'S FORUM

To the editor:

Colorado for Family Values and the fundamentalist right wing was victorious on November 3, and they're still winning today. Our diverse and colorful community is now trying to appear so mainstream that the prejudice each of our groups has for the other's become out-of-hand. Each segment is blaming the other for the attacks we've suffered in the past year.

Each group has those that stand out in public: the feminine-acting gay, the boyish-looking lesbian, the cross-dresser, etc. With the attention of Amendment 2, of course we're being watched extra closely by society. Are we going to let the right wing society tell us how to conduct ourselves? Will we all be forced to look and act like June and Ward Cleaver? I certainly hope we don't let it come to that.

Recently in a gay bar, a well-known group told my transsexual friend and I, "It's people like you that Amendment 2 was made for. Now the rest of us have to suffer. You should try to look more normal and fit in with the rest of us! You're the abomination, not us!" Has C.F.V. and the moral climate of Colorado Springs taught us to discriminate? How can we convince others to like us when we don't like our own people? Can't we just all get along?

A special thanks to the black community for inviting ALL of us to join in their Martin Luther King march. I applaud their open-mindedness and acceptance of others. At a recent candlelight vigil, the local Native American leader stepped forward to accept ALL of our community. The Human Rights Coalition has also called for ALL the community to join together as fellow human beings in the fight for equal rights.

Together we can win the battle against discrimination. United we stand, divided we fall!

Let's all make a special effort to put prejudice behind us and benefit from the experiences and friendships we've to offer each other.

Sincerely,

Christy Hopping

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This letter was drafted on February 15th in response to the February 14th Ground Zero Town Meeting. The letter was sent to the Ground Zero head-quarters, downtown.

To Ground Zero:

At the membership meeting on Sunday night, Ground Zero members were asked to give written feedback concerning the "Come-Together-Colorado" (CTC proposed amendment. I will continue my comments as follows:
(1) the presentation of the CTC proposal to the membership
(2) specific concerns within the proposal
(3) suggestions for Ground Zero

(1) Concerning the presentation of the CTC proposal...
Clearly, the presentation of the CTC proposal was biased, favoring the acceptance of the proposal by Ground Zero. Why was no alternative interpertation of the CTC compromise offered? Even discussion time was limited -- when more discussion was merited. Due to this inconsistency, is it suprising that a majority of Ground Zero members supported the proposal? It seems to me that because no other readings of the CTC proposal were offered, the Ground Zero membership was somewhat misled into supporting this proposal.

(2) Specific concerns within the CTC proposal...
I understand that the CTC proposal, if it passes, would grant a claim of discrimination to Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual people. However, supporting this proposal as a LGB group, I believe, has serious consequences. While I do not necessarily support or denounce affirmative action/quotas for LGB people, I think compromising these so-called "special rights" is questionable. If this proposal passes, a dichotomy of minorities is set-up -- those "real" minorities who deserve certain, "special" rights and "psuedo" minorities who do not. In this scenario we negate our very real experiences of fear and intimidation on the job, in the street, etc. As if somehow, being a LGB person is not as important as or as "real" as other minorities. Further, what are the consequences to other minority groups if we make this distinction between real and psuedo minorities? Does this not open the door for discussion on Women and other minority groups as "real" minorities?

In addition to the "special rights" issue, I believe the exemption list also needs to be addressed. Ground Zero was started with one of its most important goals being the education of this community and this state. Is not a major focus of this organization to battle and dispel harmful stereotypes about LGB people? By supporting the CTC proposal, Ground Zero would be perpetuating some very dangerous (not to mention homophobic) myths about LGB people. For example, we know the "Lesbian Nanny" stereotype is misleading and dangerous to our community. But rather than organize around this misinformation, Ground Zero would choose to sign on with a proposal that acknowledges the "reality" of this myth? Similiarly, the non-profit, volunteer exemption (I believe it is #6) to protect organizations like the Boy Scouts of America is rooted in the same homophobia. By supporting the CTC proposal, Ground Zero would be acknowledging that Lesbians "recruit" young girls & that LGB people cannot be effective, useful members of the Boy Scouts. **In effect, Ground Zero would be helping to leglislate the very stereotypes we are working to dispel!** How can Ground Zero support these dangerous stereotypes on one front and try to educate

against them on another?

(3) Suggestions for Ground Zero...
I believe Ground Zero should take preferably an oppositional stance or, at the very least, no stance concerning the CTC proposal for the following reasons:

- the "special rights" concession
- it does not give LGB people equal rights (ie. exemptions)
- the inconsistency of Ground Zero's educational mission with the misleading stereotypes in the CTC proposal
- the compromise proposal came out of the business community, which obviously has a different agenda than Ground Zero (ie. ending the boycott)
- if the CTC proposal were to pass, most likely the current court cases would halt

I would also recommend either an oppositional or no stance position (as opposed to a supportive one) because even if Ground Zero issues a statement of precautions to the CTC proposal, this statement will be lost in the media. The result being obvious, Ground Zero supports the proposal, period. By issuing a no stance position along with a strong press release, Ground Zero can perhaps avoid being a "noted proponent" of the CTC amendment.

Colorado for Family Values (CFV) has already "put their foot in their mouth" by claiming that discrimination is the special right they were talking about last November. Why does Ground Zero feel compelled to drive this point home by supporting the proposal? Especially when this proposal promotes damaging stereotypes and does not provide equal rights for LGB people.

I would also suggest that Ground Zero hold a special membership meeting to address these concerns **in full -- before** any public statement is made. In addition, as an active member of Ground Zero, I would like to have a voice in whether or not the CTC proposal is supported by Ground Zero. This meeting is imperative as it would provide an unbiased forum for discussing this very significant issue, as well as allowing Ground Zero to weigh carefully the factors involved.

If there are any questions about this letter or you would like to talk further, please contact me. Thank-you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

Jill S. Miller

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community.

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She glides her hand through my hair
as she brings me closer to her with the other.
She kisses me slowly along my neck, cheek and lips.
I feel her body against mine; her hips, her breasts,
her scent.
I want more of this womyn....
as she whispers; "Give me your mouth"
She brushes her lips across mine
nibbling, sucking, teasing me with her tongue.
She pulls away and then returns into my mouth reaching
in, exploring, her tongue dancing with mine
I feel my chest rise, my soul come alive as my mind
drifts into wondering what she'll want next.

Reg/93

Reflection of a Friend

The river of time, a rainbow of colors, is
splashed before me into puddles of memories.
Thru the painted waves, reflections of faces
and smile are illustrated.
A fallen teardrop that touches the surface like
the soft, pink fingers of a child, erases the
picture leaving those colorful memories, not
in the corner of my eye or in the palm of my
hand,
but in the center of my heart.

- Lori Santistevan

My Tears

My tears and I
Are trapped inside
Longing to be free
To flow, a life-giving stream,

And to receive,
Like the sea,
Until filled with all the love
Offered me.

W.H.

ALL THE TUNES FIT FOR REVIEW

BY JOCELYN SANDBERG

Catie Curtis
From Years to Hours
Mongoose Music

Catie Curtis, (don't you just love that "C" thing happening in her name?) the new hot ticket on the acoustic music scene, has released her newest album on Mongoose. The name may be unknown to you unless you're from Boston but one listen and you'll be hooked.

She's no overnight success story. This gal has been doing the music/performance thing since the tender age of 15 in local cafes. Catie continued to write and perform throughout her college years and after gaining some recognition as a winner in a Boston radio "Unknown Folkies" contest, she put out her debut album in '89, "Dandelion". She received rave reviews. In 1990 she won the Sugarbush "New Faces in Folk" contest and then in 1991 was a finalist in the Great Woods Songwriters' Contest and the Acoustic Underground Contest. Catie has been featured on The World Cafe radio program that comes out of Philadelphia and has received warm receptions in her live performances. WHEW! This womyn has been really busy!

This is one of the most wonderful new releases this reviewer has had the pleasure of listening to in a long while. To my delight I found it hugely listenable (not in that dis-passionate "muzak" background sort of way). Everything fit so incredibly well, lyrics, vocals, instrumentation, and production. Kinda like a perfectly worn pair of favorite jeans, real comfy and familiar. Lyrically Catie touches on some of humankind's most poignant emotions without ever getting close to sounding sappy or sloppy. Her vocals are beautiful and sure. Darleen Wilson did an awesome job with the production of this album and was involved with a bit of arranging as well as playing synthesizer and piano on a couple of tunes. Catie plays accomplished guitar on each of her original works. All 11 tracks are tasty. My picks: Night So Still, Got Me Wondering, If I Could, and Wallpaper Dreams.

For the month of March I recommend Catie Curtis and her second release "From Years To Hours". Check it out.

Quotable Quote: This taken directly and verbatim from the liner notes of Nirvana's most recent release "Incesticide"...

"...At this point I have a request for our fans. If any of you in any way hate homosexuals, people of different color, or women, please do this one favor for us -- leave us the fuck alone! Don't come to our shows and don't buy our records. Last year, a girl was raped by two wastes of sperm and eggs while they sang the lyrics to our song 'Polly'. I have a hard time carrying on knowing there are plankton like that in our audience. Sorry to be so anally P.C., but that's the way I feel.
Love, Kurdt (the blonde one)"

Notable Notes: k.d. lang recently won an American Music Award as Best Adult Contemporary Artist (or some swell title like that). Three Cheers to k.d.! She's up for a Grammy, too!

Also... Those of you who enjoy p o p / t e c h n o / s o f t industrial/dance music check out 808 State and their new album "Gorgeous". It features what I believe will become the '90s Gay & Lesbian theme song, "One In Ten". It's a totally cool tune!

Until April's N.P., groove on, assume the motion... CHOW!

"Sometimes I wonder if men and women really suit each other. Perhaps they should live next door and just visit now and then."
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BITS & PIECES

BY JACQUELYN BEYER

UPDATE: The Antarctica adventure reported here last month ended short of the final goal. The women made it to the South Pole, but finally determined that illness would prevent the rest of the crossing and wisely determined not to continue. It's still a story of skill, self-testing and ultimate challenge. Brava to the team.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: "It is so true that a woman may be in love with a woman, and a man with a man. It is pleasant to be sure of it, because it is undoubtedly the same love that we shall feel when we are angels..." Margaret Fuller, quoted in 'Margaret Fuller, Whetstone of Genius,' Mason Wade, 1940.

GAY/LESBIAN RIGHTS CHECK: Even the "mainstream" media is dealing with our stories much more frequently than the homophobes would ever have dreamed. It is difficult for us to keep up with a monthly schedule. But here's a short list of ups and downs: +Lewiston, Maine city council votes 5-2 to ban discrimination in housing, employment, credit availability, and public accommodations; +NewYork human rights commission rules that same-sex couple survivors can inherit rights to co-op apartments; -a group in Virginia representing 42 Southern Baptists issued a policy statement denouncing homosexuality as sinful.

ECOFEMINISM: A recent PBS program led us through the memory bank about the impact of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* 30 years ago. In addition to producing one of the two most important works in biology in the 20th century, she was a forerunner in her examination of the forces working against her call for a liveable environment for all. *Ms.* in its November/December issue has an article examining a current controversy which relates to the story of *Silent Spring* -- genetic engineering. H. Patricia Hynes has already -- about 1988 -- pointed out the parallels of the current attacks on those who warn about biotechnology. They, too, are called "ecocranks, anti-intellectuals, animal lovers, nature fanatics, and the new Luddites." Carson was also pilloried because, as a "spinster," what could she know about the "real" world? In any case, the *Ms.* story is "Patenting Life," by Julie Johnson. She notes that "genetic engineering is to cross-breeding what the nuclear bomb was to the sword. Biotechnocrats possess the tools to change the course of evolution."

MARCH ON WASHINGTON: Here's a special interest group notice: Old Lesbians Organizing for Change (OLOC) will have an open house at the Holiday Inn in Laurel, Maryland, on April 24 (the day before the march). They hope for a very visible presence in the parade with lavendar sashes, a pickup truck with water and a place to rest. If you want to join them, you can register at the motel for an OLOC discount. Write: OLOC, Box 980422, Houston, TX 77098.

MORE RIGHTS CHANGES: +Duke University president Keith Brodie has asked the faculty-compensation committee to extend spousal medical and dental insurance and other benefits to domestic partners of gay/lesbian faculty; +Hills County commissioners voted 4-3 to retain its ban on antigay discrimination -- this does not apply in Tampa, where voters overturned their protective ordinance in November.

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BY PAM BUTLER

A Safe Place to Sleep
by Jennifer L. Jordan
Our Power Press

A book review. When I was contacted by the New Phazes staff about the possibility of writing a monthly book review, I was elated. I've been pretending to be a writer for longer than I can remember and for the past two years have made resolutions to be published before the end of the year. Of course, I've been like most aspiring writers: all blow and no go. I've done nothing but play video games and talk to people on computer bulletin boards for months.

I have innumerable short story and novel ideas lying around my desk on little scraps of paper, but somehow I haven't managed to do anything concrete with them, except for to throw them in a shoe box so they won't get lost. Maybe if they stay in there long enough they'll germinate and I'll find a completed manuscript lying on my desk with a list of suggested publishers lying next to it. Umm, somehow I don't think so.

Like I said, I've wanted to be a writer since I was a baby dyke -- running around punching the boys who dared to call me that then, dreaded name. While scraping their faces across the sidewalk, I'd compose stories in my head about how I was saving the world from marauding space aliens disguised as young boys. I'd swashbuckle my way through the neighborhood planning the defeat of my cursed enemies and the rescue of my beloved girlfriends. Looking back, the only thing I don't understand is how the boys knew I was a dyke way before I did.

Looking back was not an option that was available to the main characters of Jennifer L. Jordan's first novel, *A Safe Place To Sleep*. This novel, published by Our Power Press, a locally-owned publishing company, addressed the importance of childhood memories in a new and different way.

Destiny Greaves, "the most famous lesbian in Denver," hires Kristin Ashe, a successful business owner and part-time detective, to recover her lost childhood for her. Destiny was adopted at the age of four and has no memories of her life before that time. She hopes that by investigating other people's memories of her, she'll be able to reconstruct her own.

Despite the strange nature of Destiny's request, Kristin agrees to take the case. She searches for Destiny's past and along the way ends up uncovering her own. I don't want to give the mystery away so I won't go any further than this with the story line. Although the novel is short (only 171 pages), it contains enough twists and reversals to keep even the most jaded reader interested. Kristin's discoveries about Destiny's

past kept me turning the pages long after I should have been making dinner for my sweetheart.

I'm a big fan of mysteries, and although this novel doesn't include the normal murder and mayhem I'm so fond of, I'd say this is a must read. Kristin and Destiny grapple with issues like intimacy, friendship, family relationships, love and the oft dreaded question: Should we make love on the first date? Pick it up, read it. It's cheaper than going to Cripple Creek and much more fun than reading the *Gazette Telegraph*. See you next month.

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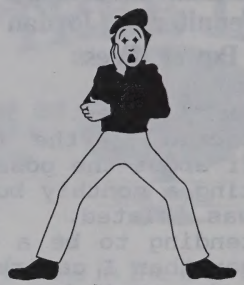

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Discrimination. How do you teach a four-year-old about discrimination?

We were faced with this challenge a few weeks ago. The night of January 15th, within an hour of the ten o'clock news announcing the judge's injunction on Amendment #2, we heard a loud noise in the direction of our garage. The next morning we found its source: our Christmas lights had been torn off the house and ripped and broken all down the driveway and into the street. While we cannot prove that this was a hate crime, we strongly suspect it. We also took this opportunity to report the obscene phone calls that started after the election.

Evan wanted to know why someone tore down our lights. I tried to explain about vandalism and hate crimes. I told him "Some people don't like us, and they don't even know us. So they do mean things." Evan apparently got the part about hate because he asked me, "What are crimes?" Ahhhhh...I really had to think. "Crimes are when people hurt someone. Or when people hurt or steal someone else's stuff...or...no, that about covers it." Gee, I never tried to define that word before and certainly not at the level for a four-year-old to understand without getting frightened. I had to stop myself from saying things about gay bashings and murders. Evan doesn't need to fear for the death of his parents or himself.

Carol and I knew we would someday need to deal with discrimination, but we weren't prepared for it so soon. We don't want to fill our kids' minds with fear (or hatred) of those who feel hatred for us. We want our kids to feel good about our family and by extension, feel good about themselves.

There was a silver lining in this dark cloud. Evan got a "kid positive" experience: The officer who responded let him turn on the lights on the police car and sit in the driver's seat and talk into the loud speaker. However, the officer drew the line at letting Evan use the siren, saying that it would scare baby brother Justin.

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AMENDMENT #2 UPDATE

The Colorado Supreme Court has put the challenge to Amendment #2 on a fast track, ordering transcripts from a lower court hearing delivered by March 1 -- seven weeks earlier than usual.

The court is to rule on the state's appeal of an injunction which put the voter-passed amendment on hold.

"It looks to me that the Supreme Court has agreed to hear the appeal on an expedited basis. The state of Colorado is encouraged that the court has apparently recognized the importance of the public policy issues surrounding Amendment #2," said Solicitor General Tim Tymkovich.

Tymkovich also said the court could conceiveably hear oral arguments before the summer. A ruling may even come before the October 12 trial date over the merits of the case, set before Denver District Judge Jeff Bayless (who issued an order blocking enactment of Amendment #2.)

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LEGAL TIDBITS

BY JULIE WOLFE

I agreed to avoid discussion about Amendment Two in this article but I've decided that I cannot resist saying just a few words on the issue. The Ground Zero group is requesting feedback about the new amendment proposal that was developed as a compromise to Amendment #2. Hopefully you will contact Ground Zero at 635-6086 to provide positive feedback on this new amendment, which prohibits discrimination while also prohibiting "special rights" in the form of quotas. The new proposal is not perfect but it is well worth supporting.

Now for the real focus of this article: Durable Powers of Attorney. A Durable Power of Attorney document essentially says that if you are temporarily or permanently unconscious or not sufficiently coherent to make certain decisions for yourself, then the person of your choice will make these decisions for you. Your Power of Attorney document could require that your "attorney in fact," (also referred to as your guardian) must be allowed to be with you in an intensive care unit of a hospital, even if the sign says "immediate family only," or something of that sort.

It is a good idea to have a Durable Power of Attorney document to prevent a fight or legal battle over who gets to control your life. If you sign a paper designating a person of your choice to act for you, then the Court doesn't get involved. It is only when you don't have such a document that costly court battles are waged. The person designated in your document could be allowed to control all facets of your life, including your money, where you live, who visits you, whether to keep or sell your house, while the government, insurance companies, hospitals, banks, and all such official institutions are required to honor these Durable Power of Attorney documents. No questions asked, no lawsuits, no fanfare. It is a document which is simple, brief, to the point, and a lot less expensive than a big court trial over who will control your life. (I believe the fee to draft a Power of Attorney which is charged by most local attorneys starts at $50 and up.) If you're not a lawyer, I do not recommend that you try to draft this yourself.

One more miscellaneous legal tidbit to share: Remember, a deed is different from a mortgage note. If you co-own property with someone and you both signed the mortgage loan note document for the bank, don't fool yourself by believing that by signing your share of the house over to the other person later, you avoid future responsibility to the bank. You can sign a quit claim deed giving the property to someone else but the bank doesn't care about that. The bank only cares that you signed the IOU and you can be forced to pay on the mortgage if the person in the house defaults on the payments. So, consider a refinance if you want assurance that you won't be asked to pay for a home that you quit claimed years ago to someone else.

HEALTH TALK

BY ABBIE DRING

This month I will be talking about problems with the Liver Energy. With this time of winter almost over (or so it seems with the increasingly mild days we are experiencing), we should start looking to the Energy of Spring and what it means. (The Chinese practitioners felt that the seasons change before the actual dates on the calendar.)

One quality of the Liver Energy is to MOVE things. It moves the limbs, emotions, inner organs, Qi, and Blood. Do you feel stuck? Another thing the Liver does is "store Blood." When we sleep the excess Blood is stored in the Liver. If the Liver can't store Blood, we cannot sleep. The Blood is moving "too recklessly and our mind can't 'turn off'." The Liver also "rules the tendons." So frequent sprains, strains, and other injuries can point to a Liver imbalance.

The Liver is the Wood element. Think of a tree and you will learn about the Liver. Are you "well rooted?" Or do you get pushed over easily? Are your limbs strong? Is your "trunk" (spine) strong? Trees must be able to bend with the wind and storms. Do you have suppleness of the body AND mind? Symptoms of Liver/Wood imbalance could be feeling off balance, disconnected, unrooted, dizzy, "hot-headed," or irritable. (Wood catches fire!)

Springtime is when the buds come out -- this is the most energetic time of the year. Do you get exhilarated by the springtime? Or do you get tired and want to sleep more? The purpose of the Spring Winds is to arouse us and get our Qi moving from the long winter slumber. If we don't feel this, we probably need to do some house-cleaning (or body-cleaning, as the case may be).

Springtime also includes the sprouting of the seeds that have lain dormant all winter awaiting some arousing force to make them start to grow. This energy of sprouting is mostly upwards, as the seed pushes its first leaves up through dirt, rock, and even concrete. So the Liver Energy is directed mostly upwards, causing the following symptoms: migraine-type headaches, red and/or dry eyes, and lumps in the throat. (The Energy is stuck in the throat and can't go down.) The Liver can also cause other organs to be stuck or stagnant. The Large Intestine can become constipated from Liver Energy invading it. The Liver can invade the Stomach causing indigestion. Menstrual problems are commonly associated with the Liver invading the Uterus and causing stagnation (pain, PMS).

The time of day associated with the Liver is 1 to 3 a.m. People with problems of the Liver often have difficulty sleeping at this time. They may say this is their "best time." They may be "night-owls." Good Liver function allows us to wake up alert and ready to go in the morning. Are you a slow morning riser?

The Liver is associated with "ideas." It allows us to focus, plan, and make decisions. An overly-active

Liver causes the need to be "in control" and/or organize things all the time.

How can we help the Liver? Since the Liver is responsible for moving things, we can help it by moving, i.e. by getting regular exercise (not necessarily extreme aerobics, or muscle building-types of exercise) such as walking, cycling, etc. Note how good you feel after doing some exercise. There are herbal, acupuncture, and other treatments for the Liver. These will be discussed next month. See you then!

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	1	**2** Media 6:30p Office Political 6:30p Poor Richard's	**3** **Monthly Vigil** 7pm Acacia Park Fundraising 6:30	**4** **USC DEBATE CFV vs GZ** Visibility 7pm Office	**5** Religious 6pm 2708 Tremont Alan 473-6001	**6** **RAGE - RAVE** Hide N Seek 10pm til dawn
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Future dates,times and event information need to be dropped off at Ground Zero office by the 15 th of each month to be included in next month's newsletter. Please put all information in envelope marked Newsletter. Thanks.....

Be a patriot !! Pick up a membership application at the Ground Zero office and join our fight against discrimination. Cost is only $10 !! And membership DOES have its privileges !!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT CALENDAR EVENTS

MONTHLY VIGIL, March 3, 7:00pm, Acacia Park.

DEBATE - WILL PERKINS/CFV vs GZ, March 4, 7:00pm, USC campus, Pueblo. Life Science Auditorium. I-25 South to Hwy 50 East. Park in campus guest parking lot, which will be the top level of the lot. We need you there to support our panel, Robin L. and Alan C. Call Robin L. for car pooling info. Car pool, run, walk, fly, whatever it takes but be there EARLY (5:00 - 6:00). CFV will be loading the auditorium, and seating capacity is approx. 200. Issues being debated are: Minority Issues, Gays in the Military, and Amendment 2. Debate will consist of audience generated questions. Joining Perkins will be an alledged ex-lesbian?? former military member to represent CFV's side.

RAGE -- RAVE, Saturday, March 6, 10pm till dawn at the Hide N Seek. Proceeds to benefit Ground Zero. $9 in Advance, $10 at the door. Cash bar and imported DJ's. It's a night of high energy and a state-wide dance for rights. An opportunity to raise money and kick up your heels...while raising awareness to overturn Amendment 2!! K-GAY will be broadcasting from the RAGE!!

A SKILL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP FOR THE POLITICALLY ACTIVE, Saturday, March 13, 8:45am-4:00pm, Rustic Hills Shopping Center, 3989 Palmer Park (at Academy), New Community Room (west Mall Entrance). Steven Moss, who has 15 years of experience in grassroots organization, will offer a workshop on the effective use of power, recruiting, issue development, leadership, targets for change, creative actions and more. Registration $35; $40 after March 6. For more information call Steven Moss & Assoc. at 303-444-6090 or stop in at the Ground Zero office for a registration form.

INSIDE....More Calendar Info....AND....Your Members at Large SOUNDOFF on Membership Responsibilities!

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CONCERT by CHARLIE KING, a musical storyteller, a political satirist, a clear Irish tenor and one of the finest songwriters in contemporary folk idiom, will perform **Sunday, March 14, 8pm, All Souls Unitarian Church, 730 N. Tejon Street.** Tickets $7 General Admission, $4 Low-Income. Tickets are available at Daily Planet Option Store (14 E Bijou), Independent Records and Video (123 E Bijou and 3030 E Platte) and at the door. Ticket sales will benefit: Ground Zero, Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission, Colorado Springs Minority Coalition, Daily Planet Options Store, Citizens Project, and NOW. Come Join us!!!

GROUND ZERO MEMBERSHIP/TOWN MEETING, March 16, Tuesday 6:30 pm, Colorado College, Worner Center (Gaylord Room). All members of Ground Zero are encouraged to attend. Remember, Ground Zero is your organization. We need your thoughts, ideas, and warm bodies at these meetings....MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING Membership/Town Meeting at 7:30 pm, Suzanne Pharr will speak. Suzanne is a social justice worker from the South. Since the 1960's, she has been actively fighting against social injustice and continually works toward lesbian and gay liberation. Suzanne is a nationaal community organizer, writer, theoretician, strategist, lecturer, and trainer. She is the author of several dozen articles and the book, Homophobia, A Weapon of Sexism, now in its fourth printing. In 1992, Suzanne provided analysis, strategy, and support to local activist during the No on 9 Campaign (held in Oregon). Don't miss the opportunity to hear this dynamic speaker who has given the gay and lesbian community so much!

Colorado Springs' own **GAY AND LESBIAN CHOIR** (official name not yet decided) is still recruiting "heavenly" voices **ESPECIALLY MALE VOCAL CHORDS !!!** Choir practice is every Wednesday at the Unitarian Church, 730 N. Tejon from 6:30pm until 8:00. Come join in the fun and help the choir pick a name. If you are interested, drop by the church on Wednesday. The choir is open to all gays and lesbians including gay and lesbian supporters.

FOCUS ON THE COMMITTEES

Ground Zero is a grass roots organization formed to fight discrimination in the wake of Amendment 2,. Committee work is crucial to achieving this goal and several committees have been formed to meet this challenge. It is through the camaraderie of volunteers and their dedicated work that GZ prospers. Each month, this newsletter will focus on a GZ committee to keep you informed of the various efforts of GZ. We ask in return that you give serious thought to becoming an active member of Ground Zero through committee work. We need you, your outlook, brain power and ideas on how to achieve our goals.

RELIGIOUS COMMITTEE Chairperson.....Alan C.

The Religious Committee has sponsored and conducted several workshops to nourish and inform the gay and lesbian community, GZ membership and any other interested persons on a variety of topics. Last month, a workshop was conducted by Alan on the bible and homosexuality. This month, the committee will be teaching Sunday School at the Academy as well as speaking at the Catholic men's diocesan gathering on March 6.

The Religious Committee needs volunteers to carry the Word of God. CFV, Focus on the Family and all the other religious organizations here in the Springs are not the only ones who have been touched by God's Word. Come share your experiences. Become a member and participate!

Committee w ork is the true foundation for achieving our goals. If you are interested in becoming involved in committee work, please call Ground Zero office for details.

Your Delegates-at-Large SOUNDOFF... on Membership Responsibilities.

Sam B:

This organization went to great lengths to keep itself "grassroots". I am proud of the fact that we successfully incorporated many ideas before and as we move forward. I recently heard however, from some of our membership attending a committee meeting that "the committee was too unorganized" and that we should call "them" when we got that way. HUM! Whether this is a prevalent attitude in our community or not, I'd like to remind the membership that Ground Zero is "OUR group and unless we all share equally in this struggle, we limit ourselves in our fight for change. **Membership means involvement.** Getting organized and moving forward means YOU, and if you're not part of the effort, think about just **"WHO"** you are criticizing.

Peter J:

Your interest in Ground Zero represents an investment in the protection of human rights. Three ways to 'kick start' your investment are: **(1) EDUCATE THYSELF** on current events by expanding your reading and listening. News events surrounding human rights and anti-discrimination issues are everywhere. In addition to TV, radio, and newspaper, consider a weekly news magazine for a condensed alternative or perhaps the newsletters of other civic organizations. **(2) SHARE KNOWLEDGE,** since having it "is power", then sharing it should be heroic (depending on your audience). Take the civic awareness challenge and bring a new member to each town meeting.**(3) CONTACT YOUR DELEGATES -AT-LARGE** as they are ready by phone or mail to represent your comments, questions and suggestions at weekly Ground Zero steering committee meetings.

David T:

Organizational membership evaluated using potential gains as the metric of measurement is an unbalanced approach. The individual must also consider potential contributions to the organization. The most important asset that a member can contribute is their time and talent, more important than any monetary contribution that can accompany membership. **Ground Zero is a grass-roots organization that is TOTALLY dependent on the voluntary efforts of its members.** This is NOT an organization where someone else will do the work. We need each and every member involved in one or more of the standing committees. **This is a consensus organization, and consensus implies involvement.** If you are unaware of the standing committee opportunities, please avail yourself to the information available through the Ground Zero office. We have a tremendous amount of work to accomplish and we need everyone.

Robin L:

As a Delegate-at-Large who has received numerous phone calls about hate crimes and vandalism, I feel compelled to ask all the GZ members for a little help. I feel it is of the utmost importance for us to communicate about these occurrences and to inform each other about the places and people who inflict this hatred upon us. **All Delegates-at-Large are at your disposal, no matter the time, for help.** We encourage you to contact the CSPD with ALL complaints, no matter how trivial you think it might be. We must protect our own, and this can only be accomplished through communication.

Your Delegates-at-Large have been asked to contribute their thoughts for this monthly column. Your comments concerning the content of this column, requests for thoughts on a specific subject, or any general comment to the Delegates-at-Large will be welcomed by contacting the Ground Zero office.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON, DC, APRIL 25, 1993

Accommodations are becoming limited in the DC area, so make your reservations now by calling:

ACADEMY TRAVEL.....KAREN KING 598-5552
LANDMARK TRAVEL .....TERRI HERZOG 577-4565 or 598-3400
WASHINGTON, DC ACCOMMODATIONS.... 1-800-554-2220

The March will be held on Sunday, April 25th, 1993. Scheduled activities begin on Wednesday, April 21 and continue through Tuesday, April 27.

Goals of the March

- Passage of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender civil-rights bill and an end to discrimination by state and federal governments including the military; repeal of all sodomy laws.
- Massive increase in funding for AIDS education, research and patient care.
- Legislation to prevent discrimination against Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, and Transgendered people in the areas of family diversity.
- Inclusion of Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals and Transgendered people in our education system.
- The right to reproductive freedom and choice.
- An end to racial and ethnic discrimination.
- An end to discrimination based on actual or perceived sexual orientation.

WHAT CAN WE DO TO END THE BAN OF LESBIANS AND GAYS IN THE MILITARY?

1. Call, write and fax the following people immediately to say that you support ending the military ban:

- Your Senators (Call main number at 202-224-3121, and write them c/o U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510);
- Your Congressperson (Call main number above, and write c/o U.S.House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515);
- The White House Comment Line (202-456-1111, M-F from 9-5 EST)
  Senator Sam Nunn, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee
  (Phone 202-224-3521, fax 202-224-0072, mail: U.S. Senate, Dirksen Building, Washington, DC. 20510);
- Pentagon Public Affairs (703-697-5737)
- Local radio and television stations
- Local newspapers, letter to the editors, etc.

2. If possible, send donations to the Human Rights Campaign Fund, 1012 14th Street, NW., Suite 607, Washington,DC 20005, 202-628-4160. Indicate "Military Ban" on lower left corner of your check or money order.

3. Ask your friends and family members to take action, and provide them with these phone numbers and addresses.

A NEW GROUP IS FORMING FOR HISPANIC LATINO GAYS, LESBIANS AND THEIR FRIENDS

This group will provide:

- An alternative social outlet for Gay and Lesbian Hispanics.
- A comfortable medium to confront social, political and economic issues.
- Information about activities and other organizations within the Colorado Gay and Lesbian Community.
- Cultural exchange of information between ethnically diverse Gays and Lesbians.

CALL GROUND ZERO AT 635-6086 OR THE COMMUNITY CENTER HOT LINE 471-4GAY TODAY!!!!

# of Events

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For Information About Any of these Events Call the Helpline @ 471-4GAY

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SPECIAL ARTICLE
BY MEGAN CALLAHAN

Great Women Of Herstory

"That was a flood of skill and courage, a flood of hot blood, vigor power and pride."
Source unknown.

Proud, skilled, hot–blooded, fearless, the Celts of old were great warriors and craftsmen. The women were certainly no exception, they were free to own property, participate in warfare, pursue an education, rule and determine their own fate.

Scáthach, "The Shadowy One" taught advanced feats of warfare to the finest young warriors–in–training at her school on the Isle Of Women, off the coast of N.W. Scotland. The most promising young women and men from the isles now known as British came to learn the skills which would earn them adventure and glory.

Mistress of one of the great schools of advanced warfare, general of her own private army and mother of at least three children, Scáthach was not a woman to be trifled with.

No physical description of her exists, but the Celtic language was very descriptive, so we may imagine that she was dark of coloring and quite mysterious.

Her students had already received basic training with weapons; they came to the Isle Of Women for advanced training. She taught them hard–won skills she had already mastered; balance, endurance, cördination and agility.

A skilled warrior herself, she was also a prophetess with the gift of foresight. She was a great inventor, and an excellent judge of skills. Not only did she teach her students the great Feats of Heroes, She provided her students with arms uniquely suited to each one's special abilities. Three of these would inspire wonder and admiration forever afterward:

The *Gae Bulga* was the great spiral barbed spear of Cuculainn. A terrible weapon, it never failed to be fatal. Even if the hapless warrior who was wounded by the mighty weapon was not killed instantly, she or he would die when it was removed.

She also gave Ireland's greatest warrior the wonderful *Sickle Chariot*. The chariot being the vehicle of war at the time, this was the triumph of chariot engineering. A clever system of panels and attachments allowed this innocent–looking vehicle to be turned into a weapon unto itself, bristling with blades; the terror of any battle it entered.

For Ferdiad Mac Damáin, she devised a "skin of horn which no weapon of battle could pierce". Having the gift of foresight, and a great love for her students, she undoubtedly foresaw that Ferdiad would one day face the Gae Bulga in battle. This was the best defence against the most formidable combination of warrior and weapon the ancient world had ever known.

It was the teaching of women like Scáthach, and her professional peer, Aife, "the hardest woman warrior in the world" which produced these warriors so formidable that even time could not erase their names. They mastered the great feats of war themselves, then survived to pass on these skills to those with the courage to learn and be the best.

These were not some leather–skinned amazons, both more and less than human. They were mothers, although no mention is made of either Scáthach or Aife having a husband of any kind. Indeed, both women were generals of their own armies and rivals who, at least once made war on each other.

In a society which let them define themselves, these women and others like them lived to the greatest of their potential and lived their lives to the fullest.

Too bad things changed...

CELESTIAL SEASONS ASTROLOGY BY CELESTE

* PISCES - Your psychic senses are working overtime this month. Act on your intuition in sexual matters, joint finances, and at work. Know that words can be camouflage; hear what is not said.

* ARIES - The Ram in reborn when the sun enters your sign on the Vernal Equinox. Celebrate the New Moon on 3/23 as a fresh start in a major area of your life. Dreams of true love in the first part of the month crash in the second half. Cheer up: the end of April may see these earlier dreams grow roots and blossom!

* TAURUS - The winds of change seem to threaten your financial and emotional security. Don't jump to conclusions, don't use a substance to calm your fears. Instead, celebrate the riches you have now and pass on what you no longer need or enjoy.

* GEMINI - Mental confusion abounds. This is a time you may misunderstand others or be misunderstood. Delay major decisions until after the 21st. Choose a discipline to balance your mental effervescence: running, drumming, meditation to still your mind.

* CANCER - Anger at home catches you by surprise. Use this energy to burn off outworn habits, to clear the ground for Spring's new growth. Housekeeping and home repairs get done.

* LEO - Congratulations! You made it through another winter! Build a bonfire and welcome the sun's return to power on the Vernal Equinox. Throw a "Goddesses-Only" costume party to celebrate!

* VIRGO - Honor your connection to Mother Earth with the Full Moon in your sign on 3/8. What crop are you harvesting now that you planted last fall? Analysis may not be the best approach now; try to relax your habitual logical grip and flex your intuition muscles instead.

* LIBRA - Your aggressiveness in matters of the heart may surprise you. Though the fires die down toward month's end, these embers may be rekindled in April. In the meantime, use that Kundalini energy to do something fun and creative with friends.

* SCORPIO - You may find it difficult now to manifest the changes you want in your life. Rigid structures will thaw more easily in the Spring. Remember that patriarchy's roots have been growing for 4,000 years. Support your sisters, mothers, and daughters by focusing on their strengths instead of weaknesses.

* SAGITTARIUS - Anger disrupts your normal easy-going style. Write down all your feelings and expectation and decide what you want as an outcome. Do you need to tell someone how you feel?

* CAPRICORN - Now is the time to do more groundwork for the career move you have been planning. Your perseverance and hard work move you forward. Groups and organizations are slow to change now, so say the Serenity Prayer and do what you can do on your own.

* AQUARIUS - The second half of this month finds you reaping karmic seeds you may have sown in another lifetime. Know that there is a reason for everything that happens in your life; empower yourself by choosing the meaning you will give to these events.

Surprise! You might have thought Colorado for Family Values was the only conservative political action group that puts forth its hateful effort. Wrong. Be on the lookout for the following:

* American Family Association - Leader: The Rev. Don Wildman. Members claimed: More than 400,000. Activities: Censorship campaigns and school library book bannings. Subsidiary: The American Family Association Law Center.

* Christian Action Network - Leader: Martin Mawyer. Members claimed: 62,000. Activities: Antigay attacks on the National Endowment for the Arts (produced antigay, anti-Clinton T.V. commercials).

* Christian Coalition - Leader: Pat Robertson. Members claimed: 175,000. Activities: To "protest anti-Christian bias and defend the legal rights of Christians." Publications: The newsletters "Religious Right Watch" and "Christian American".

* Concerned Women For America - Leader: Beverly LaHaye. Members claimed: 600,000. Activities: Fighting against abortion rights, pornography, sex education, and gay rights. Radio exposure: "Beverly LaHaye Live," reaching 350,000 people on 28 stations.

* Eagle Forum - Leader: Phyllis Schafly. Members claimed: 80,000. Activities: Fighting the Equal Rights Amendment, abortion rights, sex and drug-abuse education in public schools, and child-care legislation. Publications: "Education Reporter" and "The Phyllis Schafly Report".

* Freedom Alliance - Leader: Oliver North. Members claimed: 130,000. Activities: Promoting "traditional morality," free enterprise, and other values to "return America to its first principles."

* Traditional Values Coalition - Leader: The Rev. Lou Sheldon (the same guy whose "empire" includes Colorado for Family Values). Members claimed: 25,000 churches. Activities: Chiefly concerned with opposing gay rights.

These are the groups that can "confuse" the general public.

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- Ada Leverson -

Rage -- A Rave Party
Saturday, March 6th

Ground Zero is taking over the Hide & Seek on Saturday, March 6th beginning 10:00pm. A huge party with a professional Disc Jockey. Tickets are $9 if presold and $10 at the door. The Rage will be broadcast nationwide with other cities throwing concurrent parties.

For more information, see the ad in New Phazes (this issue) or call Ground Zero headquarters at 635-6086.

Charlie King
Sunday, March 14th

George Carlin quotes his humor. Pete Seeger sings his praises. Billboard magazine cites his "unvarying taste, musical skill and charm." Great singers of folk and topical music -- Holly Near, Pete Seeger, Arlo Guthrie and Judy Small -- honor him by singing his songs.

Charlie King is a musical storyteller, a political satirist, a clear Irish tenor and one of the finest contemporary folk singers. The Arizona Daily Star advises: "If you've seen him, you know. If you haven't, don't miss him."

"I look at the wide world as it is, I look for the humor, the sadness, the inspiration," says King. "I sing a lot of rebel songs, songs about fiesty, unruly people, lovers and fools, the people who make things happen."

Charlie King will be performing on Sunday, March 14th at 8:00pm at All Souls Unitarian Church, 730 No. Tejon St. Tickets are $7 ($4 low income folks & students) and are on sale at the Daily Planet Option Store, Independent Records and at the door.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit Citizens Project, Colo. Spgs. Minority Coalition, Daily Planet, Ground Zero, NOW and the Pikes Pk. Justice & Peace Commission. For more information contact the Pikes Peak Justice and Peace Commission at 632-6189.

Suzanne Pharr
Tuesday, March 16th

Suzanne Pharr is a social justice worker from the South. Since the 1960s she has been a part of the movements against economic injustice, the Vietnam war and violence against women. Additionally, she has battled for civil rights, women's liberation and Lesbian & Gay liberation.

The central focus of Suzanne's work are the ways that oppressions are linked together, with an emphasis on building mass movements. She creates new ways to think about connections between oppressions and new understandings of coalition building between groups.

Suzanne has trained various local and national social change groups in developing institutional responses to racism, sexism and homophobia. She has done pioneering work in making links between gender-based violence and other bias crimes. She has also provided leadership in the work against the religious right, through her writing. For 6 months in 1992, Suzanne provided analysis, strategy and support to local activists working on the Oregon No on #9 campaign.

Suzanne is a national community organizer, writer, theoretician, strategist, lecturer and trainer. She is the author of several dozen articles and the book, Homophobia: A Weapon of Sexism, now in its fourth printing.

Suzanne Pharr will be speaking on Tuesday, March 16th at 7:30pm at the Ground Zero Town Meeting. Admission is free. For more information contact Ground Zero at 635-6086.

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BY JILL MILLER

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APRIL 25, 1993

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Jumble

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JEEZ, YOU'RE A LIVELY PAIR. SOMEONE DIE, OR WHAT?
GREEN CHILE TORTILLA CHIP
THE DISTRESS
SAVIA FLAVIA TATTIVA CHIP
SEXUAL CONTINUUM
IMPORTANT ACCORDING TO WHO, IS THE PROBLEM.
AARGH! OUR PRIORITIES ARE SO FUCKED! WHY IS THE WORLD BEING RUN BY EVIL BUSINESSMEN AND NOT BY THE PRINCIPLED PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE INSIGHT AND LOVE AND GUTS TO ACTUALLY FIX THINGS!
JUST A RHETORICAL QUESTION.
NEO-NAZI ATTACKS JEWS IN GERMANY
WHAT'S REALLY SCARY IS WHEN THE BUSINESSMEN CO-OPT THE PRINCIPLED PEOPLE AND USE THEM FOR MARKETING PLOYS, LIKE ALL THIS MALCOLM X JUNK.
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SHIT, WHO?
AUDRE LORDE. SHE WAS FIGHTING CANCER FOR FOURTEEN YEARS.
OH, GOD, I'M SORRY FOR JOKING.
SOMEONE TOLD ME THE NEWS AT SCHOOL TODAY, AND THE NEXT PERSON I SAW WAS MY DEPARTMENT CHAIR. SO I TOLD HIM, RIGHT?
OH, NO. BLANK LOOK?
DRANK CHAI UNTIL UNWANTED
FRIGHTFITS TEMPRANCE IN
TOTALLY CLUELESS! I KNOW HE CAN'T HELP BEING A PALE MALE, BUT YOU'D THINK AN ENGLISH PROFESSOR WOULD'VE AT LEAST HEARD OF A POET AND ACTIVIST WHOSE WORK IS THIS IMPORTANT!
LOIS, MIGHT I INQUIRE WHY YOU'RE WEARING THAT?
FASCISTS RALLY IN SPAIN
I'M GROWING MY HAIR OUT, AND IT LOOKS SO AWFUL, I'M KEEPING A HAT ON TILL I CAN GET A NEW 'DO.
YOU'RE WEARING A MALCOLM X CAP BECAUSE YOU HAVE BAD HAIR.
NO, OF COURSE NOT! I MEAN, IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T KNOW WHO HE WAS OR ANYTHING. I SAW THE MOVIE!
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PET PEEVES

BY KATHY LIMBORG

For many people, this is just a Sunday "Comic"...but not so funny, when you consider what may happen without it.

I could swap many "tails" with you about the subject, pro and con. Accidents happen, pooh-pooh occurs, etc. But the fact is, the odds of a dog off leash being injured or killed is far greater than those of a dog on lead.

Take the case of "Dana", a small well-mannered, Toy Fox Terrier who was leash trained and was her mother's "pride and joy." Dana enjoyed going for rides in the car and as often happens, Dana made it known she had to respond to "nature's call." No problem really, as they were within minutes of the safety of a fenced yard of a friend's house where she could have relieved herself. But because of the urgency, Dana's mother noticed a vacant lot and decided that would do. Dana's mom walked around the car, leash in hand, and opened the door to get Dana. But, knowing what a well behaved dog she was, she merely picked Dana up, walked a ways into the lot, and set her down to do her business.

Who knows who or what attracted Dana's attention across the busy boulevard, but in the blink of an eye, she was half-way across the boulevard when the car hit her. Mom could only watch the scene in horror, *LEASH IN HAND.* It was over that quick. She rushed over to the limp body - stunned at what had just occurred. She rushed Dana to the vet, but she died from her injuries...without her leash.

This is all to common a story, and it could happen to anyone, anytime, anyplace. How simple it would have been to clip that leash on the collar. Why not? It only takes a second. And there may be no "second" chances, no matter how well your dog is trained. Be safe, not sorry. Be smart. Use a leash.

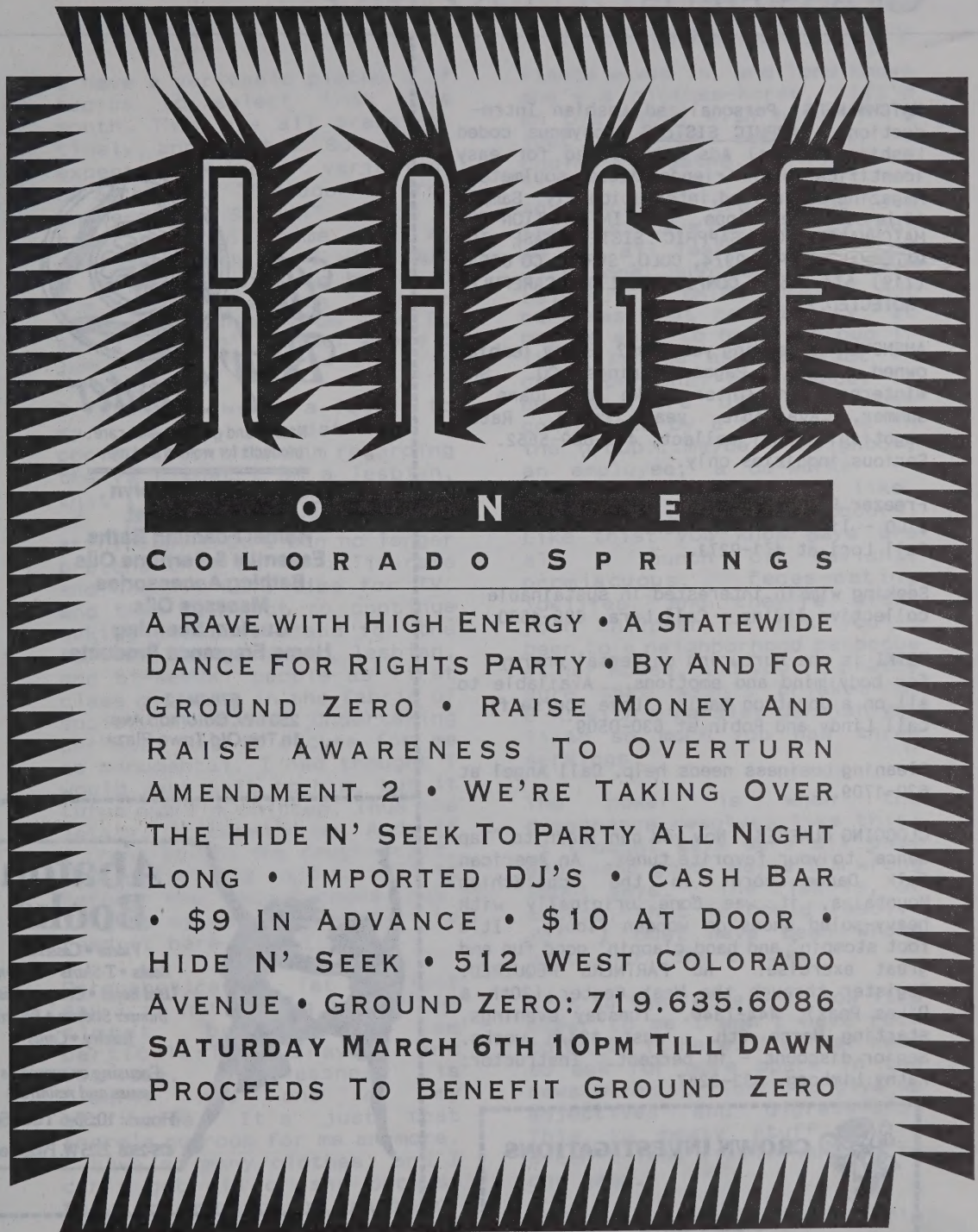
When you go out with your dog, whether you are just on a walk, or going to the vet or groomer, or perhaps from the car to the house ...10 feet - 10 seconds. So much can happen in that time. A cat, a squirrel or butterfly...

Use a collar that won't slip off if your dog backs up. A nylon choke collar or quality choke chain used correctly will eliminate this hazard. If you purchase a cheaper brand, be aware of the material it is made out of. A large breed can pop a pot-metal chain in one swift tug.

It is a good idea to always take the choke collar off the dog in the car, as accidents can happen there also. It's been known to happen where one of the rings on the collar caught on the old style door locks inside the car, choking the dog to death. One dog broke it's neck. It is a "choke chain". It is a tool - to be used only in your presence, when you are able to be in control of the situation. Put it on before you even open the door, in case while you're trying to get out, so does the dog. Please be careful. Don't be another statistic.

Till next time, happy walking !

P.S. This is a good time of year to have your pets spayed or neutered. Be a P.A.L. - Prevent A Litter. Check with your vet for more information.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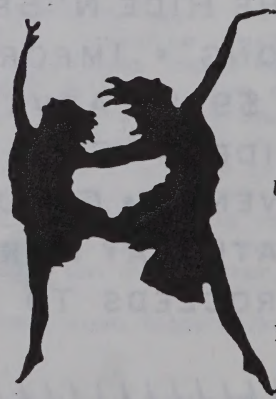

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ONE QUEER PERSPECTIVE

BY BETTY LYNN MAHAFFY

I have a veritable plethora of topics to select from this month. They are all pressing, timely, and related. So you may expect a series -- variations on a theme of "The Journey from Shame-on to Shaman". Since I have managed time in my customary fashion, I will make a functional pick to begin. I don't think the path leads in a logical manner from A to B, so it shouldn't matter where I jump in.

I intend to write a letter to my boss requesting a conversation with him regarding the fact that I am a lesbian, that I have received a modicum of publicity around that attribute, that I can no longer pretend that he is illiterate and doesn't have time for TV, and that I expect to continue taking a public stand for the full inclusion of gay, lesbian, and bi-sexual people as first class citizens in the fabric of society. A modest undertaking perhaps, but it occurs for me as monumental. I had thought I would just talk to him, but it turns out I'm chicken. Thus the letter. It commits me. And, if I treat you to the rough-draft, I'll definitely have to mail it before the paper comes out. Imagine my embarrassment if he read it here first!

Parenthetically, let me just say I am not coming out of the closet because I am particularly brave and fearless. Fearlessness is clearly not one of my attributes. It's just that there's no room for me anymore. I have so many clothes, and I can't get rid of any because they accommodate my range of sizes--you just never know when I might lose 10 lbs. Then my fiance moved in, and lord knows she's a clothes-horse. (It's an old habit with her...) I just had to come out. I couldn't breathe.

And, because I truly do believe there exists a possibility that we can all learn to get along with one another as human beings. I think coming out nurtures that possibility. It may be easy to hate a group if it is remote and abstract in one's personal experience. It becomes more difficult when confronted by a human face in the group...maybe a neighbor, an employee, a co-worker -- maybe even someone you like. Cognitive dissonance occurs. Like this: you know gays are all a bunch of deviant, promiscuous, feces-eating lowlifes, and they're after your children -- but you've been to a neighborhood barbecue at her house, and you're pretty sure that wasn't brisket of B.M. with a parsley garnish you liked so much you had three servings.

The power is when the dissonance resolves like this: "I thought gays were all bad, she seems good, maybe I'm wrong about gays." The risk is, of course, that it could resolve in: "I must have been wrong about her. She's scum."

Back to the letter. By now it's clear to me I won't have room to build it here. I either need to ask for more space in the newsletter, or learn to give up adjectives and digressions. This is meaty stuff -- it doesn't lend itself handily to one page.

So let me tell you why I'm writing it. What I know about

my boss is he's a conservative Republican, his sister works for Focus on Your Own Damn Family, and I suspect he voted yes on Amendment 2. I'm trying to be aware of my own proclivity to stereotype -- but the truth is, I am scared of him. When the Gazette ran an article last March that began "Betty Lynn Mahaffy, self-identified lesbian..." , I cringed at work for a week. I have since become aware of a tremendous anxiety I feel at work -- like I'm about to get in trouble because I did something bad. I know it's not about my work. One thing my parents successfully accomplished was to instill a healthy protestant work-ethic in me. I derive personal satisfaction from giving a job my best effort, always. And for crissake, I'm 40 years old, I'm not some little girl who's about to get in trouble for stealing cookies.

What it is is that I sub-consciously bought the popular notion that being a homosexual is bad...and I'm ashamed. If it wasn't for Kevin Tebedo, I may never have dredged that shame out of my depths to be recognized in the light of a wounded heart. Thank you, Kevin.

That's why I want the conversation. Because now that I'm aware of it, the shame is more annoying than the excess clothes in my closet. I'm making light of it. The truth is, it is deeply painful. It inhibits my ability to enjoy life to the fullest, and I mean to get rid of it. One of the vital steps toward that end is to quit carrying my lesbianism as a dread secret I need to guard, anywhere. I want to say to my boss, out-loud, in person, face to face, "I am a lesbian. I know you know that. I'm not asking anything from you. I just want to tell you myself, so I won't go on hoping you won't find out. I have nothing to be ashamed of."

I don't know about you, but I got a hot rush just writing that. I'll let you know how it goes.

A little tease on forthcoming topics under the rubric of "Shame-on to Shaman": 1) My trip to Yakima for the kick-off of Washington's campaign against Lon Mabon's (Oregon's Will Perkins, of Measure 9 infamy) 'kinder, gentler amendment'. I think it's important we at 'ground-zero' for Amendment 2 keep perspective of our connection to a nation-wide struggle for and against gay rights. 2) My personal mantras for the campaign against Amendment 2; "love thine enemy" and "we have met the enemy and they are us", and how they are just now beginning to make sense to me. 3) Naturally, the wedding -- why we intend to apply for a marriage license, send our announcement to the GT, and legally change our names -- as well as how it feels to announce my engagement to the family (my mother always said I mustn't ever tell), and of course, you'll want to know which hardware store we've picked for our bridal registry.

"Love yourself first and everything else falls into line. You really have to love yourself to get anything done in this world."
- Lucille Ball -

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- organizes Gay western events, including the Rocky Mtn. & Pikes Pk. Rodeos

Coming Out - An Ongoing Process (CO-AOP)
- focuses on the lifelong process of coming out

Count Me In (CMI)
- weekly discussion & social group for women

Couples National Network
- provides a social, educational & humanitarian forum for LGB couples

Dignity (for gay Catholics & friends)

For Ladies Only (FLO)
- social & support group for career -business women, students & other interested women

Gay & Lesbian Adolescent Support Group (GLASG)
- for individuals under 21

Gay & Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous

Gender Identity Center
- support group for cross dressers, transsexuals, transvestites, fantasy-dressers, etc.

Good Times Organization
- social group for LGB professionals & those wishing to socialize in a professional environment

The Group
- an informal organization of educators, from elementary education to University professors

Lesbians Choosing Children (LCC)
- for Lesbians who have children or who are considering having children

Lesbian & Gay Awareness Project (L-GAP)
- an educational group that organizes panel discussions in the Colorado Springs area

Married But Lesbian (MABLE)
- for Lesbians in heterosexual marriages & other supportive people

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Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays (P-FLAG)
- support group for family & friends of Lesbians, Gay Men & Bisexuals, also open to LGB's

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- operates the Helpline, publishes Community Vision, sponsors the annual Pride Parade, etc.

Southern Colorado AIDS Project (S-CAP)
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(training for queer mothers and the women who date them)

Calling all queer moms! Was the last movie you saw "Aladdin"? Was your last meal out Chicken McNuggets - en route to "Aladdin"? When you can't hide the fact that you turned to your co-workers yesterday and burst out, "Mommy says bye-bye!" -- baby, it's time for adult entertainment.

You need to get out of the house and into somebody's pants. You need fine wines; you need meals with a subtle complexity beyond the four food groups. You need intellectually rigorous conversation in which you are referred to by your proper first name. You need really good sex and maybe even a nice spanking.

From "Family Circle" to Dr. Spock, mothers get plenty of advice on taking time for themselves, particularly romantic time, with either their spouse or a date. But moms need only two kernels of wisdom. One is to take hold of the fact that your private life is precious and will make you a better mom in the end.

The other crucial element -- and this is a mantra -- is, "You can NEVER have too many babysitters." This is particularly crucial for gay moms, because they are more often than not relying on an extended family of "aunts," "godmothers," and friends who are often the very people they'd like to spend an evening out with.

Once the babysitting problem is solved, the dating game becomes a lesson in the art of how to communicate with non-moms (NMs). Will your mystery date get into the sexy-mommy groove? Or will she be a colossal, ill-informed drag?

Of course, you could be selective and only go out with other moms. But if your kids are under five, that's impossible. Somebody has to have a free schedule, a glimmer of spontaneity.

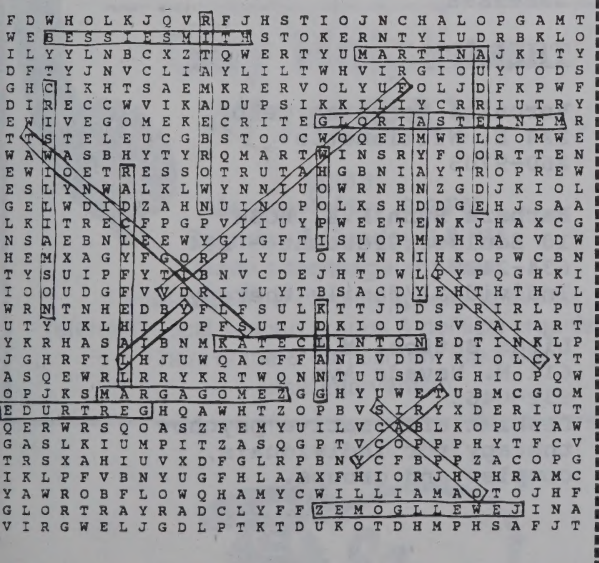
Let me address those of you who are interested in dating moms. First of all, you have EXCEPTIONAL taste. Yes, they are more mature, with a superb sense of irony (if you can keep them awake), and they're much hotter in bed. They are, after all, the love goddesses.

Take note of the following tips (to please Mommy Venus), designed to bring you up to speed on dyke-mother gestalt:
1. Do NOT ask her how she got pregnant. Lesbian NMs are singularly more obsessed with "where's daddy" than anyone else outside of Dan Quayle. Knock it off! Don't be surprised if your mom-date says, "My daughter is from Planet X," or "I think the stork left her on the

BarcaLounger."
2. Bring MOM a present, not the kid. You don't need to suck up to your lover's children by bringing lavender teddy bears or "Sing Along With Ronnie Gilbert" albums. Bring flowers, food, a good book.
3. Until you get to know your lover's children, don't criticize. Even ACT UP doesn't have a clue about the Terrible Twos.

But here's what a lesbian mom's dream date might be: A professional daycare worker. A cute dyke who works in the helping professions -- you can't go wrong. Or maybe a millionairess with three teenage daughters who think babies are the best kind of fun on a Friday night! No, wait a minute, how about a six-foot amazon who picks her up at the door into her arms and doesn't set her down until it's time to tuck her in? Ahhh, yes.

Nighty-night, Mommy. Sweet dreams.



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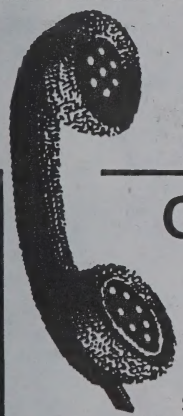

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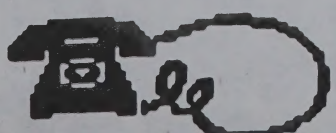

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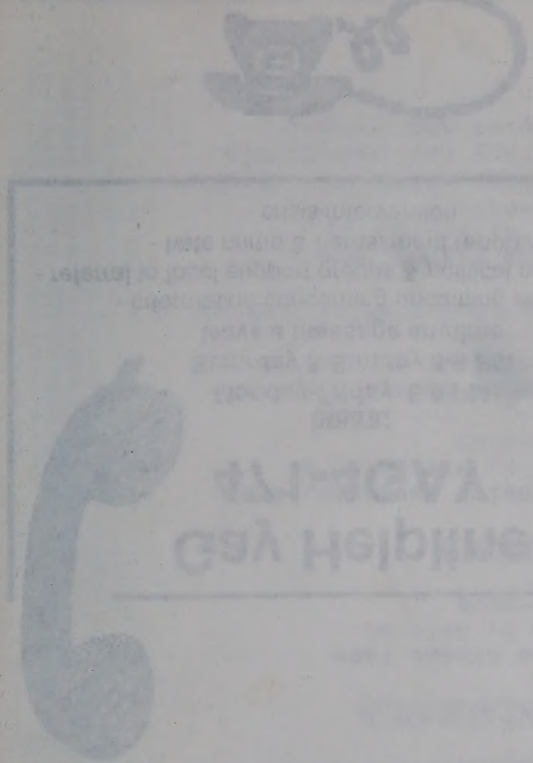

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